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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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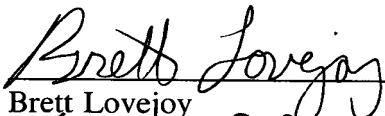

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Copies of each cited reference are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the attached references and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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